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A WEEK'S NEWS.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The annual report of the Director of the Mint showed that the gold received and operated upon the past year was nearly \$49,000,000; silver, nearly \$39,000,000; the coinage for the year is valued at \$66,209,704; total gold coinage, \$35,936,927; silver, \$28,835,470, of which \$28,111,119 were standard dollars. The production of gold for the current calendar year will be \$32,000,000 and the silver \$49,000,000.

The Postmaster General has dismissed from the service Postoffice Inspector Amos P. Foster, for rendering false and fictitious accounts. He was stationed at Austin, Tex., and was rendering accounts for per diem services which he never performed.

The issue of standard dollars for the week ended November 3, was \$71,492.

The Second Comptroller of the Currency in his annual report suggests a statute of limitation on war claims. This, he thinks, would effectively prohibit any claim agent or attorney from presenting claims, as has heretofore been done, without even an attempt to ascertain whether they were meritorious.

COLONEL JOHN A. MARTIN, Secretary of the National Republican Committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the Republican National Committee, to be held at the Arlington House, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, December 12, 1883, at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of deciding upon a date and place for holding the next National Republican Convention.

At Washington City the jury in the case of Hallet Kilbourne, against John G. Thompson, for false imprisonment, recently returned a verdict for \$60,000 for plaintiff. A motion for a new trial was made by the defense.

SENATOR MILLER has written a letter to the Secretary of State, complaining that by fraudulent practices of Chinese officials hundreds of Chinese laborers are being landed in America, as teachers, students, merchants, or others desiring to travel in the United States.

The President, it is reported, has so amended Civil Service Rule No. 5 that it now distinctly prohibits the appointing power alike in every department and in every post-office and custom office from making any discrimination in selections for appointments by reason of any political or religious opinions or affiliations.

The Chief Signal Officer's annual report says the service has been seriously crippled by the diminished appropriations, and urges Congress to be more liberal in the future. He recommends a separate office on the Pacific coast, and a decided extension of the service in that important region.

The Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks estimates that it will be necessary to expend \$606,000 at the Mare Island Navy Yard for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1885.

THE EAST.

At Gibraltar, Pa., recently, twenty-one Hungarian railroad laborers were arrested and sent to jail for rioting.

EX-GOVERNOR RANDOLPH died suddenly at Moristown, N. J., on the 7th.

THE WEST.

OFFICERS recently captured in Harrison County, Ind., Faulkner, chief of the gang of counterfeiters, whose companions a few days previous were either killed or captured. He was living in a log house, built like a fort. While he manufactured coin his wife stood guard. She was also taken to jail.

CHARLES WITTEMORE, aged eleven years, disappeared from his home at Princeton, Wis., about two weeks since. The other day his body was found in shallow water with his throat cut. It was evident that the boy had been killed several days, and that the body had been in the water only a few hours when found.

At the recent election of officers of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, in Detroit, Mich., Francis E. Willard was unanimously re-elected President amid the greatest enthusiasm.

JACOB HIPP, a wealthy resident of Milwaukee, Wis., while on his way from the Mexican Central Railway terminus at Laredo, Tex., to Durango, Colo., was robbed recently of \$8,000 and murdered by road agents.

A DISPATCH from General Crook confirmed the surrender of the Chiricahuas to Lieutenant Hunter, at Silver Creek, Arizona.

LEE WHITE, who had been baggage master on the Northwestern road, and who confessed to the robbery of a package of money in the express office at Oakfield, Wis., six months ago, committed suicide the other night. The robbery had long remained a mystery.

At Bismarck, D. T., the other day, at the Capitol building, the clamp to the elevator rope broke and the elevator and six men named Daniel O'Neil, William Buxton, Andrew Johnson, John Walton, Oel Hoffman and Oscar Sargent, fell to the bottom, a distance of fifty feet. The hods and wheelbarrows followed and were smashed to kindling wood. Buxton had all his ribs broken from the spine and would die. The others were badly injured, and it was thought, could not live.

FRANK WILKES, of Zanesville, O., grandson of Commodore Wilkes, United States navy, herding sheep near Pleasant Valley Station, in Utah, recently became lost and died of starvation.

Mrs. ELLEN LONG, a widow, and L. S. Whittemore, father of the boy found in the river at Princeton, Wis., with his throat cut, have been arrested for the murder of the boy. It is said the woman once attempted to poison Mrs. Whittemore. The theory was that the boy was killed by Mrs. Long in her cellar, and that the father carried the body to the river and hid it in the place where he pretended to find the little fellow was put out of the way to prevent his telling what he knew about the guilty pair.

The town of Brookline, Mo., was also visited by the late cyclone. One person was killed and a number of others injured. Several houses were completely wrecked.

The son of Mrs. Clark Howard, of Camden, O., recently made arrangement to go hunting, and when about to leave the house his mother objected and took the gun away

from him, which she threw in the corner of the room. The gun was discharged, the contents entering Mrs. Howard's body producing death in an hour.

The dwelling and barn on the farm of Fred Wettening, five miles south of Elgin, Ill., burned recently, together with thirty-five cows and four horses.

The large new barn of Andrew Hardway, a farmer living near Martinsville, Ill., was burned to the ground the other night, while the family were at church. Ten horses, a full set of farming implements of all kinds, thirty tons of hay, a large quantity of grain, wagons and other implements were destroyed making a total loss of nearly \$10,000, with no insurance. Thought to be incendiary.

Mrs. JONATHAN LAUDIG, of Wells County, Ind., suicided recently by hanging. She was supposed to have lost her mind, owing to the late death of her husband and son.

KELOGG, SAWYER & Co., lumber manufacturers of Kalamazoo, Mich., made an assignment recently. Liabilities, \$275,000; assets, \$475,000, besides individual property of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The failure is directly caused by indorsements for Frank Chickering, of Grand Rapids, to the extent of \$40,000.

SEVERAL cases of the contagious disease known as swill-head have developed among the cattle at the stock yards in Chicago. The first scientific examination of this disease in this country was made recently, under the direction of the United States Treasury Cattle Commission. It was decided that the disease is a result of the lodgment of microscopic plants in the teeth. When the disease extends to the jaws it nearly always proves fatal. It can be communicated to man.

JOSEPH BURSINGER, brewer, of Watertown, Wis., failed for \$100,000, with only \$25,000 assets.

GENERAL GRANT has addressed a letter to General Fitz John Porter, in which he says: "As long as I have a voice it shall be raised in your support without any reference to the effect upon me or others. Your restoration to the army simply, I would regard as a very inadequate and unjust reparation. I hope for your thorough vindication, not only by Congress, but in the minds of your countrymen."

The Traffic Managers of the various railroads in Kansas and the Kansas Railroad Commissioners had a joint meeting at Topeka on the 6th to agree upon a schedule of rates, but the meeting resulted in no agreement, and the Commissioners ordered the enforcement of the Beloit decision. Subsequently the railroad managers requested the committee to meet them again on the 12th, in order to agree upon uniform rates, which the Board finally agreed to, until which time the Beloit decision was held in abeyance.

The other night the mail between Malta Bend and Mount Leonard, in Saline County, Mo., was robbed about one mile from the latter place. The mail carrier was attacked by three men, two of whom covered him with revolvers, while the third made away with the mail pouch. The two men who had guarded him ordered him to proceed on his route, and threatened him with death if he gave the alarm, but he gave the alarm as soon as possible, and officers started in pursuit. The mail pouch was found cut open a short distance from the scene of the robbery, and all the letters were lying in the pouch, not one having been opened, except a registered letter containing \$175, which was gone.

ABOUT four hundred miners, who have been on a strike at La Salle, Ill., since the beginning of July, went to work the other morning and the shafts are all now in full operation. The leaders of the strike have been black-listed, and several were making preparations to seek work elsewhere.

GEORGE WEST recently shot and killed Williams, editor of the *Advocate*, at Logansport, Ind.

HENRY C. MCGEE, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Independence, Mo., recently killed his wife and daughter and then himself. He shot his victims with a double-barreled shotgun and completed the affair by swallowing poison. The tragedy was not discovered until his four other children returned from school and found their mother dead—dressed as if about to go out visiting. McGee was from Kentucky and had been quite wealthy, but had met with some reverses within the past few years. He was reported to be a stern, exacting husband and father.

The entire roof, inside wall, iron and stone columns of the new south wing of the Capitol at Madison, Wis., fell the other afternoon, burying about twenty-five workmen in the ruins. Bernard Higgins, William Edgar, Michael Sewank and William G. Jones were killed, and about twenty injured, some fatally.

CHAS. E. DIX, Cashier of the Savings Bank at Council Bluffs, Iowa, shot himself through the head the other day and died instantly. He was twenty-nine years old. No cause for the act could be assigned, as his accounts were reported straight.

JUDGE HOFFMAN, of the United States District Court, at San Francisco, recently decided that the Chinese who went to China prior to the passage of the Restriction act are entitled to land.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its late annual session at Des Moines, Iowa, voted to raise \$25,000 for the establishment of the first woman's periodical in India.

HENRY MCGEE, a Sheriff, made an attempt to arrest a drunken man named Parker, at Mohamling, I. T., recently, when Parker drew a revolver and killed him at the first fire. Kneeling beside the dead man, he blew his own brains out.

A RECENT fire at Troy, O., destroyed a portion of Beedle & Kelly's foundry and corn-planter factory. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$16,500.

A SPECIAL says that Mrs. Susannah Nelson started from Anderson, Ind., to Nebraska, September 6, and has not since been heard from by her friends. She had a large sum of money with her. Marshal Coburn recently made known to her brothers that he had found a fire insurance policy, issued to Mrs. Nelson, in the woods near Terre Haute, where some time ago the badly mutilated body of a woman was found by hunters. He claimed to have proof that Mrs. Nelson was murdered.

THE SOUTH.

It is stated that silver ore from Mexico is being shipped to New Orleans, whose mint is more accessible for the mines tributary to Saltville than the mints of Mexico. Five hundred pounds of pure silver passed through San Antonio the other day for New Orleans.

W. H. OGLESBY, a prominent citizen of Hot Springs, Ark., was recently found dead in his bed, greatly decomposed, evidencing

that death had occurred at least forty-eight hours before. His wife was absent in Illinois on a visit.

At Sanford, N. C., the other night, a negro man and wife went to church, leaving in the house three children. Three hours later the house and children burned.

NEAR Luling, Tex., the other day, John Martin shot his wife and then pretended she had committed suicide. He afterwards confessed his guilt, and said jealousy was the cause. The following night he was taken from jail by a mob and hanged.

A FARMER of Perry County, Ky., recently killed a man named Ewing, for eloping with his daughter.

The boarding house of James Simms, at Austin, Tex., burned at two o'clock the other morning. Male and female lodgers had to fly in their night clothes, losing everything, several barely escaping with their lives. Total loss on building, furniture, clothing, etc., about \$14,000.

The Garfield Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Covington, Ky., recently adopted resolutions declaring that in view of the eminent services of Lieutenant General P. H. Sheridan, and especially his bravery at the battle of Winchester, he should be promoted to General, and that Major General Hancock, for like reasons, especially bravery at Gettysburg, should be made Lieutenant General. The resolutions were to be transmitted to the headquarters department of the Kentucky Grand Army of the Republic, and thence to all the department headquarters in the United States for concurrence by all Posts. When returned they will be sent to Congress with a proper explanatory letter.

As a solution of the fence-cutting difficulty in Texas, it is proposed to increase the penalty for that offense and to fix the penalty for inclosing land without authority, also to place the venue of all such cases at Austin, where conviction is more certain, juries there not being swayed by sentiment, which renders fence-cutters' convictions so difficult in the disturbed counties.

GENERAL.

WHILE Mlle Van Zandt, the American prima donna, was returning home from the Opéra Comique, one night recently, in Paris, a man armed with a revolver made an attack upon her. Her cries brought the police, who arrested her assailant.

LATER returns from the November elections showed the election of the Democratic State ticket in New York, except Maynard for Secretary of State, who was scratched heavily and Carr elected. The Legislature seemed to be Republican. Butler was defeated in Massachusetts by over 10,000. The Democrats carried Virginia by about 15,000, with a majority in the Legislature. Maryland, Democratic. Pennsylvania, Republican. New Jersey, Democratic. State officers, with five majority on joint ballot in the Legislature. Connecticut, Republican Legislature. Mississippi, largely Democratic. Minnesota, Republican. Nebraska, Republican. In Dakota the Constitution seemed to have a majority.

In Kansas, Martin, in the Topeka district; French, in the Fort Scott district; Sluss, in the Wichita district; Nicholson, in the Junction City district, and Stillwell, in the Humboldt district, appeared to be elected Judges.

ANARCHISTS recently exploded an infernal machine in front of the mansion of a wealthy merchant, of Lyons, France. Immense damage was done the building, but no one was hurt.

DURING a recent fire in a factory at Roubaix, France, a quantity of benzine exploded, killing ten persons and injuring forty. Three hundred persons were employed in the factory. Thirty women were working in the upper stories. The flames caused an explosion, cut off their escape and they leaped from upper windows.

SINCE the re-appearance of cholera at Alexandria, in Egypt, the attack of the disease is confined to Europeans.

LORD LORNE has been suggested for Viceroy of Ireland.

THE LATEST.

In reply to the communication of Attorney General Brewster in regard to the appointment of an expert from the Pension Bureau to assist the District Attorney in the preparation of causes against pension agents charged with illegal operations. Secretary Teller recently announced that an expert would be detailed to examine papers, and all means at the command of the department will be placed at the disposal of the Attorney General to punish offenders whether guilty of attempting to defraud the Government or applicants for pensions.

The official majorities for Auditor General and Treasurer, the only state officers elected for in Pennsylvania at the late election, were Niles, 16,726; Lievry, 19,886.

OFFICIAL returns from all but two counties in New Jersey gave Albett 6,678 majority over Dixon. Parsons, Temperance candidate, polled about 6,000 votes; Miner, National candidate, about 3,000.

The last cotton crop returns to the Department of Agriculture showed a slight improvement since the former report. The indicated product is nearly eighty-six per cent of last year's crop.

The Irish National League, of Dublin, has a telegram from John Redmond, their agent in Australia, stating that the Convention of the Irish National League, at Melbourne, was a great success; that Parnell's programme was adopted unanimously, and that Redmond, was about forwarding ten thousand dollars to the League in Ireland. John Redmond and his brother, William, who have been in Australia several months in the interest of the Irish National League, will return to Ireland shortly, via San Francisco, and will make a lecturing tour through the United States.

WHILE G. Mills was closing the store of Owen & Myers, at Altoona, Iowa, the other night, he was fired upon by two masked men. Five bullets pierced his body.

The tannery of James Cellery & Co., at Allegheny, Pa., and a row of brick dwelling houses belonging to the same firm, were destroyed by fire the other evening. Loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$75,000, in home and foreign companies.

At the preliminary examination of O. A. Carpenter, at Lincoln, Ill., charged with the murder of Zorah Burns, the defendant was held in \$10,000 bail to appear for trial.

At Mount Monroe, N. C., the other day, a party of sixty-five negroes captured Lawrence White, colored, and hanged him. A few days before White killed a colored man named Frazier. White was under arrest when captured by the lynchers.

At Grand Forks, D. T., recently, Colonel S. Uline was arraigned on an indictment found by the Grand Jury for the murder of Charles and Frederick Ward, of Chicago, in Ramsey County, May last. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Railroad Conference.

The Traffic Managers of the different railroads in the State met the Railroad Commissioners, at Topeka, on the 6th, according to agreement, with the view of agreeing upon uniform rates to be charged by the roads, but after discussing the question the whole day, the difference between the Commissioners and Managers seemed to be no nearer a settlement than before a meeting was called. At the meeting the representatives of the roads asked that the conference be private, which the Commissioners finally agreed to. The conference continued into the evening, and the Commissioners, the next morning, decided that the Beloit decision must stand and go into effect the 10th. Subsequently the Managers appointed a committee, who went before the Board with the following request:

TOPEKA, KAN., Nov. 7, 1883.
To the Honorable Board of Railroad Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned Managers Committee to confer with your honorable body, request a continuance of the conference, for the purpose of agreeing upon and adjusting rates upon a fair and equitable basis, and pending this conference, to hold the Beloit decision in abeyance. Respectfully yours,

[Signed.] FRANCIS THIERMAN, L. A. EMERTON, THOMAS MILLER, Committee.

To this the Board replied as follows: OFFICE BOARD RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS, TOPEKA, KAN., Nov. 7, 1883.

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Railroad Commissioners are willing to suspend the Beloit rates pending conference with the Traffic Managers, with a view to formulating and agreeing upon schedules of freight rates to be used by the several roads in the State, understanding that the Managers desire to meet the Board in a spirit of fairness and concession, and an honest desire to reach a just and satisfactory conclusion with the meeting to begin not later than the 22nd inst.

[Signed.] HENRY HOPKINS, JAMES HUMPHREY, L. L. TURNER, Committee.

Miscellaneous.

The Third Semi-Annual Session of the Kansas and Missouri Social Science Club was held in Topeka recently, with one hundred and fifty ladies in attendance. The report of the Treasurer showed receipts, \$71.22; expenses, \$27.16, leaving a balance on hand of \$44.12. There were a large number of applicants for admission. Papers were read as follows: By Mrs. Judge Humphrey, of Junction City—"Legal Status of Married Women." By Miss S. A. Brown, of Lawrence—"Ethics of Schools." By Mrs. Judge Safford, of Topeka—"The Flower Mission." By Mrs. B. F. Mudge—"Rudimentary Studies of Nature for Children," read by Mrs. Atwood of Manhattan, in Mrs. Mudge's absence. In the evening a grand reception was tendered the ladies of the club by the citizens of Topeka at the Library Hall. Air address of welcome, a poem by Mrs. J. B. Bartholomew, was read and responded to by Mrs. George Kingsley, of Paola. Other poems, tableaux and music completed the programme. The next meeting will be at Kansas City, Mo.

THE quo warranto cases of the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific Railroads were argued the other day in the Supreme Court at Topeka. The petition filed by defendants for removal to the United States Supreme Court, and a motion to make the Government Directors parties defendant, were both argued. In said motion the request was granted in the Union Pacific case, but refused as to the Kansas Pacific case. Defendants propose now to try and get both cases into the United States Supreme Court.

ONE night recently some section men discovered the body of a man lying across the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe track near the Emporia junction. The victim proved to be William H. McMillen, of Topeka, who left home a few days previous to collect about nine hundred dollars and also pay some taxes. He was undoubtedly murdered. He had a wife and three children, two of whom were attending the State University and the third at school in Philadelphia. The city of Emporia offered a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars for the murderer, and efforts were being made to have this reward augmented by the State, county and others to two thousand dollars.

In the case recently taken to the Supreme Court by the City of Topeka upon demurrer to the petition of G. C. Clements, to close the saloons, Chief Justice Horton recently delivered the decision of the Court overruling the demurrer. The Court said: "Incorporated cities in this State have no power to license or impose a license tax on the business of selling intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and the statute; and if a city assumes such unlawful corporate power, it may be ousted from the exercise thereof by proceedings in the nature of quo warranto."

The Grand Legion A. O. U. W. recently in session at Topeka, elected the following officers: J. F. McMullen, Winfield, G. C.; L. S. Sage, Emporia, V. G. C.; D. A. Hill, Winfield, L. G. C.; J. A. Montgomery, Lawrence, G. M.; E. M. Ford, Emporia, G. R.; C. F. Scouten, Waterville, G. T.; H. A. Needham, Topeka, G. S. E.; R. W. Deland, Harper, G. S. W.; George W. Hens, Topeka, G. J. W.; J. G. Sheldon, Arkansas City, G. G.; W. A. Mathews, Topeka, G. T. The next meeting of the Grand Legion is to be held at Lawrence.

In the case of the County Attorney of Shawnee County against the Mayor of Topeka to oust him from office, because he violated his official oath in permitting saloons to be established and practically licensed by the imposition and collection of fines, the Supreme Court decided in favor of defendant, mainly on the ground that there are several other remedies provided by the statute to reach such cases.

GEOFFREY GLICK has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday the 29th, as a day of Thanksgiving.

THERE are three hundred and seventy-five Baptist Churches in Kansas, with a total membership of twenty thousand.

FALL wheat looks well.

The other day a young man named Deloss, hailing from Canada, attempted suicide at North Topeka. He got off the train, looked for work for awhile, then went out of town up the Union Pacific track near a powder house and took poison, intending to kill himself. He was found and his life saved. He expressed sincere gratitude at his deliverance, and seemed to take a much more cheerful view of life and of the world.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, son of Justice Anderson, of Wyandotte, was recently killed while switching cars at a small station near the Nebraska line.

HORACE GREELEY is a policeman in Kansas City, Kas. He is a relative of the "founder of the *Tribune*."

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Governor Crittenden's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 2.
The Governor to-day issued the following proclamation:

STATE OF MISSOURI, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
In obedience to custom and in token of gratitude to the All-wise source of every good, for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us during the past year, I, Thomas T. Crittenden, Governor of the State of Missouri, do hereby designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving. In pursuance of the request of the President of the United States I recommend that the people rest from their accustomed labors on that day, and that they assemble at their respective places of worship and render thanks and praise to Almighty God for that manifestation of divine favor which has preserved us from pestilence and blessed us with peace and prosperity, and devoutly implore a continuance of His mercy. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Missouri.

Done at the City of Jefferson, this second day of November, A. D. 1883.

THOMAS T. CRITTENDEN, By the Governor: MICHAEL K. McGRATH, Secretary of State.

Missouri Revenue Statistics.

In the report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, the following statistics appear concerning Missouri receipts by collection districts during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883:

First Missouri—Isaac H. Sturgeon, \$6,200,677.64.

Second Missouri—Alonzo B. Carroll, \$60,286.65.

Fourth Missouri—David M. Stewart, \$88,063.87.

Fifth Missouri—Bryan H. Langston, \$131,482.20.

Sixth Missouri—Phillip Doppler, \$89,010.98.

The number of special tax-payers during the year ended April 30, 1883, was 26,193. Production of cigars, 1,434,432. Pounds of tobacco used in cigars manufactured, 63,818,925. Tobacco factories, 57. Material used in the manufacture of snuff and tobacco, 25,331,281 pounds. Product, 29,733,858 pounds. Claims for rebate of taxes received, 1,460, amounting to \$219,283.51; number allowed, 1,385, involving \$210,231.67; disallowed, 75, amounting to \$905,884. Distilleries of spirit and malt liquors registered June 30, 1883, 129. Grain and other materials used in the production of distilled spirits: First District, 550,645 bushels; Second, 2,270; Fourth, 2,157; Fifth, 2,074. Proof gallons of spirits rectified in the year ended April 30, 1883: First District, \$5,655,330.39; Sixth, \$561,620. Spirits produced during the year ending June 30, 1883: First District, 2,308,176 gallons; Second, 4,965; Fourth, 4,466; Fifth, 5,086; Sixth, \$63,329. Spirits withdrawn to June 30, 1883: First District, 2,346,544 gallons; Second, 8,287; Fourth, 7,953; Fifth, 1,124; Sixth, 688,517. Spirits in warehouse June 30, 1883: First District, 5,615 gallons; Second, 4,273; Fourth, 2,337; Fifth, 6,257; Sixth, 265,951. Production and withdrawal of spirits during first three months of current fiscal year: July—Produced, 221,163; withdrawn, 242,811; tax paid, \$218,532.60. August—produced, 293,528; withdrawn, 304,454, tax paid, \$174,098.00. September—produced, 257,063; withdrawn, 286,534; tax paid, \$227,800.00. Spirits in hands of wholesale liquor dealers and rectifiers, October 1st, 1883: First District, 433,917 gallons; Fourth District, 1,582 gallons; Sixth District, 171,167 gallons. Spirits in distillery warehouses October 1, 1883, 195,316 gallons.

Miscellaneous Items.
There are 8,322 schools in Missouri, having 10,697 teachers, and an attendance of 488,091 scholars. The value of school property is estimated at \$7,321,693.

A gentleman living in Howell County caught a gang of quails last spring and concluded he would see if he could domesticate them. His efforts in that direction have proven very successful. The birds feed and chirp about the premises as chickens; and it is said they have a most interesting knack of imitating almost every bird they hear. The only evidence of their wild nature which they seem to retain is a habit they have of flying away daily, but always coming back regularly at the proper time.

A wonderful monstrosity is on exhibition in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, in the person of a little boy about six years old. It was born in Wayne County, this State, and the father, Mr. William Joiner, has, after much persuasion, consented to put it on exhibition. The wonderful deformity of the child beggars description; history does not record such a freak of nature as may be seen by looking at his head. The circumference of his head is twenty-five inches, sixteen inches from the nape of the neck to the root of the nose, and fifteen inches from ear to ear across the top of his head. It has teeth, but is unable to masticate its food. It is now blind, but its mother informed us that it could see for the first year after its birth, since which time its eyeballs have gradually disappeared. It has six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, webbed almost to the tips.

The lightning rod peddler is in Mercer and Putnam Counties. He agrees to put suitable rods on a building for a reasonable sum and gets the unsuspecting victim, who, if he takes a county paper has been warned a thousand times, to sign a contract that contains an innocent clause that the rod shall cost 62 1/2 cents per foot. Peddler No. 2 comes along to put up the rod according to contract. All is lovely until the bill is presented which is usually about ten times the amount the party supposed it would be.

The Landis-Bradley Manufacturing Company, of St. Joseph, has made an assignment to John M. Stewart. What is known as the McCarty property has been selected as the site for the new public building at Jefferson City. The Kansas City Stock Show was well attended by stock and buyers.

Worth County has organized her Fair Association, and next fall will have a fair. The forgery cases against K. M. Beecher have been nolle prossed in Callaway County, but Beecher was re-arrested and taken to Franklin County.

An open winter is predicted. Commencing Tuesday, November 20, the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the State of Missouri, will begin its session at St. Joseph and continue several days. The encampments of St. Joseph have sent a general invitation to all camps throughout the State to attend in uniform.

Two men entered the office of the *Missouri Republican* in St. Louis a few mornings since and robbed the cashier, Mr. Gallagher, of a canvas bag containing \$150 in silver. Nothing has been heard of the men since they ran out of the office that morning.

Wm. T. Christy, one of the old settlers of St. Louis, died a few days ago.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
ENTERPRISE, KANSAS.

Cottage Hotel.

J. W. GORE, Prop.

H. J. HUDSON,
HOUSE & CARRIAGE PAINTER.
SHOP—SOUTH OF NICOLAY'S LUMBER YARD, ABILENE, KANSAS.

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Graduate Dentist.

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CAPITAL \$85,000. SURPLUS \$10,000.

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